

Cradoc Golf Club wish to inform their members that they will be hosting the South Wales Senior's Classic Claret Jug Finals on Wednesday 7th August Tee off 10am

Course Maintenance

Course is being cut regularly and we've started to *Diamond Cut* some of the fairways as we feel this is more aesthetically pleasing. ♦ New sand has been purchased and added to one of the bunkers; *can you tell which one!* In order to stop cross contamination we removed all of the old sand.



- ♦ The 3rd Tee markers have been pushed forward due to the heavy wear on the area and Divots, the tee has been *over-seeded, top dressed* and fed.
- ♦ All greens have been feed with an organic fertiliser with added wetting agent.
- ♦ We are using the Thatch-Away machine on the greens more regularly to reduce the amount of Thatch.
- ♦ Greens have been sprayed with a fungicide because we had an attack of disease (*but nothing to worry about*).
- ♦ Moisture levels in the greens are currently at 22% - typically they should be between 20% & 25%.

Going forward our plan is to *scarify, solid tine, top dress & feed the greens* at the end of the summer season, this will allow them to recover quicker and therefore play better throughout the winter season.

A fertiliser program has been created and should see us achieve a more consistent playing surface throughout the year.

Bryn Powell Skills Challenge

Bryn Powell Skills' Challenge was started by Bryn himself 15 years ago, as a means of challenging our best single-figure handicappers to compete against one another in a series of difficult golfing shots, whilst also having some fun. Following his sad passing three years later, Gareth his son, and Elsie his wife, were determined to carry on what Bryn had begun, and the Challenge has been held every year since then.

This year's event was held on a beautiful summer's evening in July, and with Gareth setting some mischievously difficult challenges, the players definitely had to look to their laurels! The scoring was extremely close and a 'putt-off' was needed to establish 2nd and 3rd places, with John Bevan out putting John Drain for those spots. One point ahead of both of them was this year's trophy winner, Rob Evans.

Spectators are always welcome and it is definitely worth coming to watch, as the talent and touch displayed by the players is impressive.



Men's Section

On a fine day at **Kington** golf course 42 players took part in *The Captain's Away Day*. The Scoring was good. In 5th **Bryan Jones: 34 points**; 4th **Colin Jones: 34 points**; 3rd **Tony Payne: 36 points**, leaving **Tony Evans & Ryan Williams** to fight it out for the *Captain's Away Day Trophy*. **Tony** finished with 38 points one adrift of **Ryan** with 39 and became this year's *Away Day Champion*. I would like to thank everyone who attended and also **Kington** for their hospitality on the day.

Phil

Up coming Matches

Sunday 4 August: Military Cup (Medal) & B & R Men's Pairs Championship at Llandrindod

Sunday 11 August: Caleb Roberts Trophy & MWGA 4BBB Llandrindod Wells

Sunday 18 August: Men's Captain's Day

Cradoc Men's Senior Golf Section

Since the June report the Men's Senior Section have had a busy period.

◇ Early in July the **Senior' Captain Away Day** was held at **Wenvoe Castle Golf Club**, and although the weather was inclement, we had a very good day with 33 players taking part. **The winner this year was Mark Humphreys.** ◇ **The Seniors Open at Cradoc** took place on June 11th. (held over 16 holes) Over one hundred golfers took part and the **winner was Norman Thomas (Cradoc G. C.), scoring 34 points.**

Two teams from Cradoc entered **The South Wales Classic Competition, "Cradoc A"** reached the second round and **"Cradoc B"** made it to the quarter finals.

JUNIOR SECTION

We have just finished the third block of junior lessons and it's still great to see the Juniors enjoying themselves, learning the game and watching them get better and more consistent each week. With this level of improvement we are looking to get out onto the Golf Course and test their skills against the course. To do this we will need extra help to supervise play. We would also appreciate more help on a Monday night for the coaching sessions; if you could help on a Monday night, for coaching, or a Thursday evening out on the course please let the office know.

Junior Evenings Throughout August

Throughout the summer holidays we are changing the Monday night coaching,; due to holidays we will move to weekly sessions, rather than Blocks of 6 weeks; with 3 x 40 minute slots each week. Each 40 minute session will accommodate a maximum of seven children , costing £3 per session which can be paid on arrival.

We are taking bookings for the sessions taking place on 5th August.

If you haven't already booked with Will, please contact the office on 01874623658 or via email to secretary@cradoc.co.uk. Spaces for the 5.30-6.10 have already filled, there are some spaces at 6.10-6.50 and 6.50-7.30.